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A New Charge giuen by the Queenes commandement, to all Iustices of Peace, and all Maiors, Shiriffes, and all principall Officers of Cities, Boroughs, and Townes corporate, for execution of sundry orders published the last yeere for staie of dearth of Graine,

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That the Shiriffe and Justices of the Peace shall immediately vpon the receipt of these orders, assemble themselues together with as much speed as they possible may: And hauing conferred amongst themselues vpon the contents hereof, shall first for the better execution of the same, diuide themselues into sundry companies, and take amongest them into their charge by seuerall diuisions all the Hundreds, Rapes, or Wapentakes of the said Countie.

That the Justices shall diuide thēselues into sundry parts to execute these orders.

Item, euery companie so allotted out, shall foorthwith direct their Precepts vnto the high Constables, that the vnder Constables, and other the most honest and substantiall inhabitantes within the same Hundred, Rape, or Wapentake, to the number of xxxvi. persons, moe or fewer, as the quantitie of the Hundred, Rape, or Wapentake shall require, to appeare before them

To appoint sundry Juries to enquire of things hereafter following.

them at a certaine place, and within as short time after the receipt hereof as they conueniently may, & vpon the apparance of the sayde persons, they shall diuide them into so many Numbers or companies, as they shall thinke meete, giuing instruction to the sayde high Constables to returne as fewe of such as bee knowen great Farmours for Corne, or that haue store of graine to sell, as he can. And such of the persons so warned as shall not appeare, but make default being sommoned, and not hauing any iust or reasonable excuse alowable by the Justices, to be punished therefore at the good discretions of the Justices, before whom they are to appeare.

Item, they shall first declare to the parties appearing, the cause why they are sent for, and therewith earnestly charge them in the feare of God, to apply themselues to the seruice whereunto they shal be now called, with al duetifulnesse and diligence, and without any partialitie to any person, and then they shall giue them the charge following.

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The charge to enquire what number of persons be in the houses of them that haue store of Corne.

YOu shall diligently and carefully enquire, & make true and due search and triall, what number of persons of euery householder that hath Corne in their Barnes, Stackes or other where, as well Justices of the Peace as others whatsoeuer, within the Parish of haue in their houses feeding, lying, and vprising, or otherwise to be fedde: what number of Acres they haue certainly to be sowen this yere with any maner of Graine: what bargaines they haue made with any person for any kinde of Graine to bee solde, by, or to them: to whome and by whom, & vpon what prices they haue made the same, and

and what quantitie of any manner of Graine they, or any other haue in their Barnes, Grainers, Lofts, Cellors, or Floores, or otherwise to be deliuered vnto them vpon any Bargaine.

Item, what number of Badgers, Kidders, Brog- gers or Carriers of Corne inhabite within the sayde Parish, and whither they doe vse to carie their Corne which they do buy, and where they do vsually buy the same, and what their names bee, and howe long they haue vsed that trade, and by whose Licence, and to see the same Licences of what tenor they are of. For Badgers, Brogg- gers, and Carriers of Corne.

Item, what number of Mault makers, Bakers, common Brewers or Tiplers dwell within the sayde Parish, and who they are by name, and how long they haue vsed that trade, and howe much they bake or brew in the weeke, and what other trade they haue whereby otherwise to liue. Mault makers, Bakers, and Brewers.

Item, who within the sayd Parish be the buyers of Corne, or doe vse to buy, or haue bought any Corne or Graine to sell againe, or haue sold it againe since Mid- sommer last. Buyers of Corne to sell a- gaine.

Item, who within the same Parish buyeth or haue bought or sold any Graine vpon the ground, of whom, and to whom hath the same bene bought or solde, and at what price, and to certifie vnto vs of the Premisses, and of euery part thereof, on the day of nowe next comming: And to euery part of these Arti- cles you shall bring answere from point to point. Buyers of Corne vpon the ground.

And if any shall refuse to declare the trueth, of, or, concerning the premisses, or of any part thereof, to any the Inquirors aforesayde, requiring the same for their better information: the partie so required and refu- sing, shalbe conuented before the Justices of the Peace of the sayde Diuision, or any two of them, and sharply rebuked, or if need be, punished for his contempt. And if the partie so called in question, shall not declare the Against such as shal refuse, to declare the trueth of the matters in- quirable.

full trueth thereof to the sayd Justices, he shall be committed by the saide Justices to the common Gaole as a person bound for his good behauiour, and so to be continued, vntill hee shall conforme himselfe therein, or otherwise at the discretions of the said Justices, he shall bee bound in a good summe of money to make appearance before the Lordes of her Maiesties priuie Counsell to answere vnto his contempt in that behalfe, for ensample of all such disobedient persons.

Parties offending to appeare before the Counsaile.

A consideration of all persons that haue Corne, to determine howe they shall serue the markets with such portions as they may spare.

That the saide Justices of the Peace hauing receiued into their handes the presentment of the said Inquirors answering to euery poynt of their charge, shall call at certayne dayes by them to be assigned, such persons before them of euery Parish, as vpon the presentment so made shall appeare to haue Corne to spare, and vpon due consideration of the number of persons, which euery person hath in his house, according to their qualities, and of the quantitie of Graine, that the partie hath towarde the finding of the same, or otherwise to bee spent in his house and sowing of his groundes, allowing to euery Householder for his expenses in his house, for euery person thereof according to their qualitie, sufficient Corne for bread and drinke betweene this and the next Haruest, and for their seede after the rate of the sowing of that Countrey vpon an Acre. And then they shall charge all such as shall appeare to haue more of any kinde of Graine, then shall serue to the vses aboue mentioned, aswell Justices of the Peace as others, to obserue the orders ensuing, viz.

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¶ The orders to be obſerued are theſe, *viz.*

YOV ſhall bring, or cauſe to bee brought weekely ſo many quarters or buſhels of corne, as Wheate, Rye, Barley, Mault, Peazon, Beanes, or other Graine, or ſo much thereof as ſhall not be directly ſold to the poore Artificers or day Labourers of the Pariſh within which you dwell, by order of the Iuſtices of the Peace of the Diuiſion within which you dwel, or two of them to the Market of there to be by you, or at your aſſignement ſold vnto the Queenes ſubiects in open Market by halfe Quarters, two Buſhels, one Buſhell or leſſe, as the buyer ſhall require of you, and not in greater quantitie, except it be to a Badger or Carrier of Corne admitted according to the ſtatute, or to a common knowen Brewer or Baker, hauing teſtimonie vnder the hand and ſeale of ſuch two Iuſtices of the Peace at the leaſt of the diuiſion, or of a Maior or other head Officer of the City, Town, or Borough corporate where hee dwelleth, that hee is common Brewer or Baker within the ſame: or to ſuch other perſon as ſhall make prouiſion for any Lord Spirituall or Temporal, Knight, or any other Gentleman that hath no ſufficient prouiſion of Corne, ſo as the ſame perſon haue and ſhewe vnto ſuch perſon as ſhall haue the ouerſight of the Market in that behalfe, teſtimonie vnder the hand and ſeale of the partie for whom hee commeth to the Market to make that prouiſion, declaring that it is for the prouiſion of his houſe, and contayning the quantities and kinde of Graine to bee prouided: And you ſhal not willingly leaue any part of your Corne ſo brought to that Market vnſolde, if money

Orders to bee obſerued by ſuch as ſhal be appointed to ſerue the markets with Corne, for the reliefe of the poore people firſt.

To whom Corne ſhall be ſold after that the poore are ſerued.

ney bee offered to you for the same, by any that are permitted to buy the same, after the vsual price of the market there that day, as long as the Market shall last.

No Corne brought to the Market vnsolde, to be caried out of the towne.

Neither shall you from the beginning of the Market, to the full ende thereof, keepe or cause to be kept any of your said Corne out of the open sight of the Market: neither shall you carry away from the Market Towne any kind of Graine that was brought thither which you haue not there sold, but shall leaue the same there in the Market Towne in some place knowen, so as it may be brought into the open Market the next Market day at the first opening of the Market, there to be sold as afore was limitted. And yet neuertheless, you shall bring to the Market such other quantitie of Graine as shall bee limitted, and so continue at euery Market day the bringing into the open Market, the quantitie of Corne that shall be limitted.

None to buy such kinde of Corne as they shall bring to sell, but by warrant vpon reasonable cause.

Also you shall not buy any maner of such Graine as the said Justices shall appoint you to sell, from this day forwards, but vpon very especiall and necessarie cause to be allowed by them, vntill such time as all and euery such maner Graines as the sayde Justices at this time shall appoint you to sell, be according to that appointment and order by you sold. And if you shall not sowe so much this yeere as hath bene presented that ye intend to sowe, or if you now haue, or shal haue knowledge, or shal gesse hereafter at any time, either by threshing of the Mow or Shocks or otherwise, that yee haue more store of any manner of Graine, then hath bene presented: that then ye shal forthwith vpon such knowledge thereof had, make true relation thereof vnto the said Justices, or vnto two of them. both what portion of your seed Corne shalbe left vnsowen, or what further quantity you shal perceiue you haue, then was at the first presented.

That so soone as you perceiue you spend not after the

the rate of so much Corne as is limitted vnto you for the finding of your house, ye shall make true report vnto the Justices or two of thē, how much lesse ye spend.

Yee shall buy no Corne to sell it againe, neither shall you by any colour directly or indirectly, appoint any your seruants, or any other person to bee a Badger of your Corne, other then to cary your Corne to the Market there to be sold as your owne, without changing of any propertie. No corne to be bought for to sell againe.

Ye shal neither buy nor sel any maner of Corne, but in the open Market, vnlesse the same be to some poore handicraftes men, or day labourers within the Parish wherein you do dwel, that cannot conueniently come to the market Townes, by reason of distance of place, according to such direction as shalbe giuen vnto you in that behalfe by the Justices of the Peace of that Diuision, within which you doe dwell, or two of them, and to none of these aboue one bushel at a time, and thereof you shall keepe or cause to bee kept a particular note in writing, to whom you shall so sell weekly, and at what prices, so as the same may appeare to the Justices to be done without fraud or abuse. No corne to be bought but in open Market.

That the Justices of the Peace within their seueral Diuisions haue speciall regard ỳ Ingrossers of Corne be carefully seene vnto, and inquisitions to be made for knowledge of them, & that thereupon they may be seuerely proceeded with & punished according to the law: and to see that none be permitted to buy any Corne to sell againe, but by speciall licence. Inquirie to be made against Engrossers.

That they take order with the common Bakers for the baking of Rie, Barley, Pease, and Beanes according to the maner of the countrey for the vse of the poore and that they appoint speciall and fit persons diligently to see the people well dealt withall by the common Bakers and Brewers in all Townes and places in their Weights and Assizes, hauing also regard, Regard to the Bakers for keeping of the assise of bread.

that the Deputies of the Clerke of the Market do not abuse themselues in vnlawfull exactions for Weight and Measure, and effectually to inquire for and search out the default therein, and therupon to giue order for punishment of the offendor seuerely, according to the Law: and where any notable excessiue offence shall be in the Bakers, to cause the bread to bee sold by them to the poorer sort vnder the ordinary prices, as in part of punishment of the Baker.

Bread faultie in any excesse to be solde towards the releefe of the poore.

That no Badgers of corne, Bakers or Brewers buy any Graine, or commune or bargaine for the same, but in the time of open Markets, and that but by Licence vnder the handes of the Justices of the Diuision where they doe dwell, or three of them, and that they weekely bring their Licence with them to the Market where they do either buy or sell, or els not to be suffered to buy any: And that the Licence containe how much Graine, of what kind, & for what place they are licenced to buy and cary, that there bee set downe vpon the Licence in writing, the day, place, quantitie, and price at which the Corne is bought, that they take but measurably for the cariage, baking, and brewing thereof, that they shew their bookes weekely to such as the Justices of the Diuision wherein they dwel, shall appoint for that purpose being no Bakers or Badgers of Corn, and that those within euery xiiii. dayes make report to the Justices of the Diuision wherein they dwell, how the people are dealt withall by the Badgers, Bakers, and Brewers, and that such as haue sufficient to liue on, or that are knowen to be of any common euil behauiour, be not permitted to bee Badgers of Corne, of which sort commonly the report is that there are too many, and therefore the same would bee remedied and foreseene: Also that no Badgers be permitted but such as the Statute doeth limite, and that no seruant of any bee licenced to be a Badger, except sixe of the Justi-

No Badger to buy Corne but in open Market, and with sufficient licence in writing.

The Badgers to shew weekely their bookes of buying.

No Justices seruant to be a Badger, nor none other, but such as shalbe licensed in open Sessions.

ces at the least shall in open Sessions for some necessary cause allow any such, and that none at all be allowed a Badger, except he be allowed in open sessions, and not to bee, as it is in many places, abused for gaine of the Clerke of the Peace, or a Justices Clerke graunted without allowance of the rest of the Justices in their open Sessions. And furthermore, that none bee permitted to buy or prouide Corne in ỹ Market in grosse, as a Badger or Baker, Brewer, or Purueyour & such like, vpon paine of imprisonment, vntill two houres after the full Market be begunne, that the poore may be first serued.

No Badger, Baker, Brewer, or Purueyour to buy Graine, vntill two houres after the full Market begin.

That the said Justices, or two, or one of them at the least in euery Diuision, shall bee personally present at euery market within their seueral Diuisions, during the whole time of the Market, to see the orders to bee taken by the authoritie hereof to be well obserued, and the poore people prouided of necessary Corne, and that with as much fauour in the prices, as by the earnest perswasion of the Justices can be obtained. By this it is not meant to charge any Lorde of Parliament being a Justice of Peace, to attende vpon any such seruice in any Market, otherwise then it shall bee with his owne good will: but in all other causes tending to the execution of these orders, it is hoped that euery person of any estate, will readily giue aduise and assistance.

Some Justices to be present in the Market, to see the poore relieued vpon reasonable prices.

If there shall be any Hundred, Rape, or Wapentake within the sayd Countie, within the which or neere thereunto no sufficient number of the sayd Justices of the Peace doe dwell or inhabit, the sayde Shirife and foure Justices of the Peace of that Countie, shall in that case appoynt some other honest Gentleman, or the high Constables vnder Constables, or such other, graue, honest, and substantiall persons, not being Corne masters, dwelling within the saide Hundred,

Where Justices are wanting in any Hundred, for to appoint some rich persons to supply the want.

Rape or Wapentake, as they shall by their discretions thinke conuenient, to haue the charge, in the execution of these orders there: whome they shal also instruct how to execute the same diligently and vprightly.

That all good meanes and perswasions be vsed by the Iustices in their seuerall diuisions, and by admonitions & exhortations in Sermons in the Churches, by the Preachers and Ministers of the Worde, that the poore may bee serued of Corne at conuenient and charitable prices. And to the furtherance thereof, that the richer sort be earnestly mooued by Christian charitie, to cause their Graine to bee solde vnder the common prices of the Market to the poorer sort: A deed of mercy, that will doubtlesse bee rewarded of Almightie God.

That ministers and preachers exhort the richer sort to be liberall to helpe the poore with money or victuall needfull.

That there bee no buying or bargeining of any kinde of Corne but in open Market, but onely to poore Artificers and day Labourers as aforesaide, and that the Iustices in their seueral Diuisions, do in conuenient sort restraine common Maulsters of making Barlie Mault, in those countreyes and places where there be Oates sufficient to make Mault of for the vse of the people, and to restraine as well the brewing of Barley Mault, by or for Alehouses or common Tiplers in those Countreis and places, as also the excesse vse of any kinde of Mault, by all common Brewers, Maulsters, and common Tiplers, according to the true meaning of this Article: And that the ouerabundant conuerting of Barlie into Mault, more then may serue for necessary vse be restreined.

To make Mault of otes in countreys where there hath bene vse thereof.

And where it is informed that sundry Maulsters and others haue already engrossed & taken into their hands great quantities of Barlie, either to be conuerted into Mault or otherwise to make their profite of it by auauncing the prises thereof: It is therefore ordered that the Iustices of Peace in their seuerall Diuis-

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ons, shall vse all the care and diligence they may to finde out such Ingrossers, and to examine them exactly how much of such kinde of Corne they haue already in their handes or haue compounded for, and at what price, and where it is. And thereupon the said Justices of the Peace to take order that so much thereof in Barley as shall bee thought fit in the discretion of the same Justices, be brought to such of the next Markets thereunto, as the same Justices shall assigne there to be sold to the poore people of the Towne and the Countrey adioyning, by the sacke or Coombe or lesser quantitie, and by no greater quantitie to any one person at such reasonable price, and with such reasonable gaine as the same Justices shall thinke fit. And such as shall be found obstinate to obey this order, to be bound with good suerties to answere the matter before the Lords of her Maiesties Priuie Counsel at some day to be prefixed by the same Justices. And the great number of Maulsters to be reduced to fewer persons, and such as haue other trades to liue by, not to be permitted to vse Maulting.

That the Justices vse all other good meanes possible that are not mentioned in these orders, that the Markets may bee well serued, and the poore relieued in their prouisions during this time of dearth. And that no expense of any Graine meete for bread to feede men, be wasted vpon feeding of dogges or other beasts, neither that any bee spent in making stuffe called Starche, as of late there hath bene discouered great quantity expended in that vaine matter, being in no sort to be suffered to continue, the rather also for that there are other things not hurtfull to the food of man, that may serue for such purposes, if such purposes at least were requisite.

No waste of bread Corne superfluously, nor any expense thereof but for feeding of people.

None suffered to make Starch of any Graine.

That the Justices be straightly commaunded to see by all good means, that the able people be set on worke

Able poore people to be set to worke.

in houſes of Correction prouided and furniſhed, and there idle vagabounds to be puniſhed.

Stocks of money for prouiſion of worke for poore people.

That the Juſtices doe their beſt to haue conuenient ſtockes of money or wares, to be prouided in euery Diuiſion, or other places according to the Statute, for ſetting the poore on worke, and the Juſtices to vſe all other good and politique meanes within their ſeueral Diuiſions, to continue and maintaine the poore people in worke within the pariſh, or at the furtheſt within the Hundred, or Diuiſion, and namely in clothing Countreyes to charge the Clothiers, that haue in former times gayned by that trade, not now in this time of dearth to leaue off his trade, whereby the poore may be ſet on worke.

Clothiers to continue their worke-folkes.

Souldiers hurt, and impotent people, to be relieued in their dwelling places.

That the maimed and hurt Souldiour, and all other impotent perſons, be carefully ſeene vnto to be relieued within their ſeuerall Pariſhes, Hundreds or Diuiſions, according to the Lawe therein prouided: and that where the prouiſions formerly made, & aſſeſſed vpon the houſholders in euery Pariſh be not ſufficient, it may be now for this time of dearth charitably encreaſed. And where any Pariſh is not able to giue ſufficient relieſe to ſuch their poore, that pariſh to haue the ſupply of ſuch other pariſhes neere adioyning, as haue fewer poore, and are better able to giue relieſe. And no vagabonde or ſturdie begger, or any that may otherwiſe get their liuing by their labours, bee ſuffered to wander abroad vnder colour of begging in any Towne, fielde or high way, and that the Juſtices doe preſently giue order that there be able perſons appointed, and ſufficiently weaponed, to aſſiſt the Conſtables of euery Towne to attache ſuch vagabondes, both in their Townes, Fieldes and high wayes, and to commit them to priſon without bayle of any ſuch, but as two of the Juſtices of the Peace within that Diuiſion ſhall order. And if any Townſhip ſhall not

obſerue this order, for the attaching & puniſhing of the ſaid vagabondes, then the Juſtices ſhall ſet due puniſhment by fine vpon the whole Towneſhip, or vpon ſuch parties in the Towne, as ſhall bee founde in fault.

That no Millers be ſuffered to be common buyers of Corne, nor to ſell meale, but to attend to the true grinding of the corne brought, and to vſe meaſurable tolle theſe deare ſeaſons.

Where in ſome partes of the Realme, diuers Millers, who ought onely to ſerue for grinding of Corne that ſhall be brought to their milles, haue begun lately a very corrupt trade, to be common byers of Corne, both in markets, and out of markets, and the ſame do grinde into meale, and doe vſe as Badgers, or otherwiſe to ſell the ſame at markets and in other places, ſeeking thereby an inordinate gaine, beſides the miſuſing of other mens Corne brought thither to be ground, by delay of grinding, or that worſe is, by changing and altering of their good Corne to ỹ worſe: It is thought very neceſſary, that the Juſtices of the Peace who are not owners by any title of any Milles, nor makers or landlords to any Millers, ſhal firſt inhibite al Millers vpon paine both of impriſonment and fine, to vſe any ſuch trade of buying of any graine to be ſolde either in Corne or meale, but to charge them to continue the orderly vſe of grinding of all maner of Corne that ſhalbe brought to them, in reaſonable good ſort, and vpon reaſonable Tolle. And for better performance hereof ſome of the Juſtices not affectionated to the Millers, ſhall ſometime perſonally themſelues reſort to the mills to ouerſee the doings of the ſaid Millers, & compell them to doe their dueties. And where none of the Juſtices can as need ſhalbe, weekely looke thereto perſonally, they ſhall appoint certaine honeſt perſons weekely to attend thereto, and to enforme themſelues of the poorer ſort, howe they are vſed in this time of dearth, for their grinding and their Toll, and preſent the defaults to the Juſtices, to bee ſpeedily reformed with all due ſeueritie.

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Conferences to be had betwixt the Iustices of peace in the Shires, and the principall officers of Cities and townes corporate for prouisions of Graine, for the inhabitants in Cities and corporate Townes.

Item, where there are within the circuite of any Shire, or thereto adioyning any Cities that are incorporated as Townes within them selues, or any other Townes incorporat, that haue by good authoritie Iustices of Peace of their owne inhabitants, for that commonly such Cities and Townes haue their greatest number of housholders that are no owners of graine, but haue common Bakers, and Brewers, that must of necessitie buy and prouide their Corne or Weale at the Markets neere thereto, to serue all other the inhabitants and reliants within the said Cities & Townes: For the prouision of all such Cities and Townes, it shall be necessary that the Iustices of the Peace of the Shires next to the same Cities and Townes shal haue a meeting and conference with the head Officers of the sayd Cities and Townes, howe and in what good manner the Bakers and Brewers, and other householders that shall also haue neede to prouide Corne or Weale for the necessarie vse of the priuate housholdes, may bee prouided at the Markets neere to the same. And after due conference had hereof, there shall bee by the Iustices of Peace, and the foresaid head Officers some good orders set downe, such as both may serue for the needefull vse of the same Townes and Cities, and also may not by abuse giue cause of raising of prices in the Markets and Countries adioyning. And where there shall be adioyning to the same Cities & Townes, or not farre distant, diuers Shires (as in many places such is the situation of them) there some of the Iustices of euery Shire so adioyning, or not farre distant, shall vse such conference and take such orders with the saide Officers, as afore is mentioned. And in such cases the Iustices of euery such Shire shall be enformed mutually from the one Shire vnto the other, of the needefull prouisions to be made from time to time for the said Cities and Townes, so as euery Shire may

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proportionably yeelde reasonable succour and relieſe out of their Markets to the Purueyors, or to the Bakers, and Brewers as shall be requisite without burthening of the one, more then the other may reasonably beare. And if neede shall require, the aforesaid principall Officers shall not refuse to acquaint the Justices, from whence the prouision shall bee bought and prouided, howe such prouisions so had and bought in Markets are spent, that by colour of such prouisions no abuse be committed to encreaſe the prices, and so to leaue the poore vnable to be relieued.

Order for places exempted from the Jurisdiction of the Justices of peace in the bodies of the Shires.

If there bee any speciall part within any Shire, that hath as a libertie by speciall Commissions any Justices of the Peace within the same, the Shirife of the Shire shall send vnto the principall owner or Officer of such Libertie, notice of these orders, and shall charge them that the Justices of the Peace within such Libertie doe their dueties for execution of al these orders, as farre foorth as shall be requisite, and therein also to vse by conference the aduise of some other Justices next adioyning.

Regard to stay all transportation of Graine out of the Realme.

That no transportation of Corne or Victual be, but from porte to porte within this Realme, and that but in cases needfull, as for the prouisions of London, shipping, or such like. And that be done by the view and ouerseeing of her Maiesties officers of ỹ Custome house of the porte where the same shalbe laden, or of the most part of them, & of the chiefe magistrates of the town in which that port is, & also of some of the Commissioners of the county in which that port is, & for that purpose assigned. And ỹ in such case good bonds with sufficient sureties be taken to her Maiesties vse for the deliuerie therof at the port to which ỹ same shalbe assigned. And for bringing backe in conuenient time not only a true Certificate of the vnlading thereof at the same porte so assigned from her Maiesties officers of the Custome

house of that porte to the Customer of the porte where the same was laden: But also one other Certificate from the chiefe magistrate of the Towne of that porte where the same shalbe assigned to be vnladen: And frō some of the Commissioners of the Countie in which that Towne is, for the purpose assigned vnto the Commissioners and chiefe magistrate of that porte where the same was laden, of the due and iust vnlading thereof at the porte assigned. And transcripts of those Certificates to bee made & certified into the Exchequer in the beginning of euery Terme.

And if the Commissioners for that purpose assigned, shall not doe their best endeuours to make stay of the transporting of Corne, as by authoritie of their commission they ought to doe, then any other Justice by authority of these orders shal make stay of al such transportation, and in his so doing, shall be allowed & maintained. And this is thought meete to be in this sort directed, for that it may be doubted, that amongest so many as are appointed in the foresaid Commission against transportation, some may be mistaken, being themselues either transporters, or friendes or fauourers to transporters, or negligent in the execution of the charge committed to them.

Certificate to be made of the Execution of these Orders monethly to the Sheriffe, and he to certifie the same to the prime Councel within euery fourty dayes.

That the Justices of the Peace doe once euery moneth certifie their doings and proceedings by force of these instructions vnto the Sheriffe of the sayd Countie, in which certificate they shall also make certificate of such Justices as shal be absent from any of these services, and the true cause of their absence, and shall also certifie the vsuall prices of all kindes of Graine in their markets for that moneth past: Of all which the same Sherife shall certifie to the Priuie counsell without any delay, so as he doe certifie once in euery fourtie dayes at the furthest, and so as also the default in any Justice that shall be absent without necessary cause,

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may be duely considered, and reformed by authoritie of her Maiesties Counsell, as reason shall require: whereby such persons as are placed as Justices, may not continue in those roomes wherein they shall be founde not disposed to attende such necessary and godly seruices as this is, but that others of better disposition may supply those roomes, if there shall be neede of any such number.

Speciall Inquirie bee made of those that are great hoorders vp of Corne, and bring litle quantitie to the Market, to the ende from such persons prouision may bee made for her Maiesties shipping, & other publique seruices, as need shall require.

And if any shall offend against the true meaning of these instructions, or of any part thereof, or shall vse any sinister meane to the defrauding thereof, that such be seuerely punished according to the Lawes: and for such obstinate persons as shall not conforme themselues, the Justices shall at their discretion bind them to appeare before the Queenes Maiesties priuy Counsell by a day certaine, there to be further dealt with by seuere punishment, for the better ensample of all others.

Additions to the former Orders.

Irst to take order that the multitude of Badgers and byers both of Butter & Cheese, as also of Corne to sell againe, may in euery Countie vpon conference amongst the Justices bee reduced to a competent number, and those of the fittest persons for that purpose, and the residue to be remooued.

That such of these Badgers and buyers as shall remaine, be only permitted to make prouision to furnish the Markets of such Cities & other great townes and places which otherwise are not able to be sufficiently prouided for, of those prouisions in the countreys neere adioyning, for that they are onely needfull for those places.

That the Farmer or Maulster be not permitted to sell to any such Badgers or buyer, nor to any Baker or Brewer out of a market, nor that any Badgers or buyers to sell againe, be permitted to buy any Corne, Butter or Cheese but in the Market: Neither any Baker, Brewer, Badger or such buyer as aforesayd to sell againe, bee permitted to buy in any market but two houres at the least after the full of the market, whereby others may be serued of their particular prouisions, And then the Badger, Baker, and buyer to sell againe, to take away the surplusage of the Market onely.

To foresee that no couenous practises be vsed betweene the Farmer or Maulster, & the Badger, Broker, Brewer, or buyer to sell againe, whereby the Farmer or other should deteine his Corne or Mault to the ende of the Market to the hinderance of the market: But if any such be found then such offender to be duely punished.

Hyglers and Purueiors for the Citie of London or any other Citie, not to be permitted to buy Corne or other victuall but in open market, & that two houres after the full Market, whereby the poorer sort may be serued of that which they shall neede at competent prises: Neuertheless, for the better furnishing of your sayd Cities with necessarie prouisions and in conuenient maner, it is ordered that further prouisions shall be from time to time made for them in such sort as the Lords of her Maiesties Counsell shal further direct in that behalfe.

It is also ordered, that the feeding of sheepe with Pease or Beanes which is vsed in some countreyes for foode be specially forbidden, because in time of dearth the same may serue the poorer sort to make bread of.

That there be monethly a view taken what Corne any ffarmer or other person vsing to sell Corne, hath both thressed, and by estimation in the stoage, and to be enioyned to sell none but in open Market, except to poore artificers and day labourers their neighbors, and to yeelde a due accompt to the Justices, of the expense of his Corne, and howe much hee doeth sell weekely in any Market.

That inquisition be made in what places Mault is commonly made to be sold by such as are called Maultsters, and who they be. And to take order that by buying and ingrossing of Barley to make Mault, they doe not thereby store vp greater quantitie of Mault then they vsually bring into the Markets, thereby towards the end of the yeere to increase the price thereof excessiuely. Of which abuse the Justices are to take care to reforme the same, and to take order also that they shall buy their Barley in open Market, and not at the Farmers houses thereby to forestall the Markets, and to enhaunce the prices.

To take strait order with the common Brewers, that they serue no Beere or Ale to any Alehousekeeper, Victualler, or Tipler, but at such rate and price as by the Justices of the Peace shalbe set downe and appointed by authoritie of the Statute of 23. H.8. Cap.4. And yet the same to be well sodden and well brewed of wholsom grain as it ought to be, vpon pain of to be imposed by the Justices.

To take a view of the number of Alehouses, Victualling houses, and Tippling houses in every Towne, parish, village and Hamlet within their iurisdictions, And vpon view had, to consider what number of them

is necessary and fit for euery Towne, Parish, Village and Hamlet to continue. And thereupon to discharge the superfluous number and such as are vnmeete to keepe the same, and to allowe a conuenient number, and no more then shalbe needfull, and those but in places necessarie, and the same to be in the midst and heart of the sayd Townes and Villages, and in no sort to allow any at the ends of the Towne, Village, or Hamlet, nor in out places or places distant frō the rest of the Town or Village. And hereafter no licence to be granted for victualling or tipling but in euery open quarter Sessions, & that by the consent of the most part of the Justices there present, whose names with the number of the houses licenced in euery Towne or Village the Clerke of the Peace shall insert in a booke, or Rolle to be kept for that purpose. And that no greater number be hereafter admitted to keepe Tipling houses in any Towne or Village, but such as shall be agreed at this first viewe, and order to be taken therein.

That they which shalbe allowed to be Alehousekeepers and Victuallers, shall bee of honest conuersation, and of reasonable value, and to enter Bonds to her Maiesties vse to performe the orders following, which Bonds shall be by the Clerke of the peace presented to the Justices in their Sessions to be seene, whether the Conditions are broken: And thereupon the Custos Rotulorum, or his deputie, to certifie the same into the Eschequer, and such of them as shall refuse to bee bound, not to be permitted to keepe any Alehouse.

That no Victuallers, Tiplers, and Alehousekeepers haue in their houses, or doe permit to be brought into their houses, any Cardes, Dice, or Tables, nor to suffer any to play in their houses, yardes, or backsides, at any Cards, Tables, Dice, or other vnlawful games.

That no Victualler, Tipler, or Alehousekeeper shal dresse, or suffer to bee dressed or eaten, within his house

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any flesh vpon any forbidden day, sauing in case of necessitie of sickenesse, according to the Statute in that behalfe prouided.

That the Alehousekeepers doe not brewe in their houses, nor haue any drinke, but such as shall be fit for the inferior sort of people, and that but of some ordinary and reasonable size, and the drinke to be vttered at such price and rate as the Justices shal assesse and set downe in their Articles, (and not to maintaine excesse) whereby an exceeding great quantitie of barley may bee saued for bread corne, for the inferior sort of people.

That they suffer none to eate and tiple, or victaile in their houses, but such as are wayfairing men, that shall take the same to refresh themselues in their passage or iorney, or such as shall be appointed to lodge or take diet in their houses, but to deliuer out of their houses that quantitie of drinke which their neighbors of the poorer sort shall haue neede of, to be drunke in the houses of those who fetch or send for the same, and not elsewhere.

To permit no tippling at all on the Sabboth day, or holy day in time of diuine seruice.

That no Victualler, Tippler, or Alehousekeeper, shall permit and suffer any person or persons to lodge in his house aboue a day and a night, but such as hee will answere for, as the Statutes in that behalfe made doe require.

To giue strait order and charge, to euery Constable, or other inferior Officer to whom it may appertaine, that euery of them shall once in euery fifteene dayes, search and enquire of the defaults and disorders aforesayd, and shall informe the Justices of the peace of the same defaults and disorders if any bee, that the offendors therein, may thereupon bee proceeded on and punished according to the lawe. And if it shall seeme to the Justice, that the pettie Constable be either a Victu-

aller, or one that shall fauour the victuallers in their faults, then some other meete person to be appointed to make the said Inquisition and Certificate.

No Tipler to buy any goods of any waifaring man, or other that shall bring the same to their houses to sell, but of such as shall bee well knowen vnto them to be of honest conuersation, and whom they shall bee able alwayes to produce, or haue to be forth comming.

All these with such other necessary Articles, as the Justices of the seuerall Counties (to whom the estate of the Shire is best knowne) shall thinke necessarie in the seuerall Counties to be added, the Alehousekeepers and victuallers shall be bound to obserue.

Lastly, whosoeuer shall vse tipling, or victualling without licence, or shall breake the Orders as aforesaid to be prescribed to them, to bee proceeded withall, and seuerely punished according to the Statute and law in that behalfe.

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